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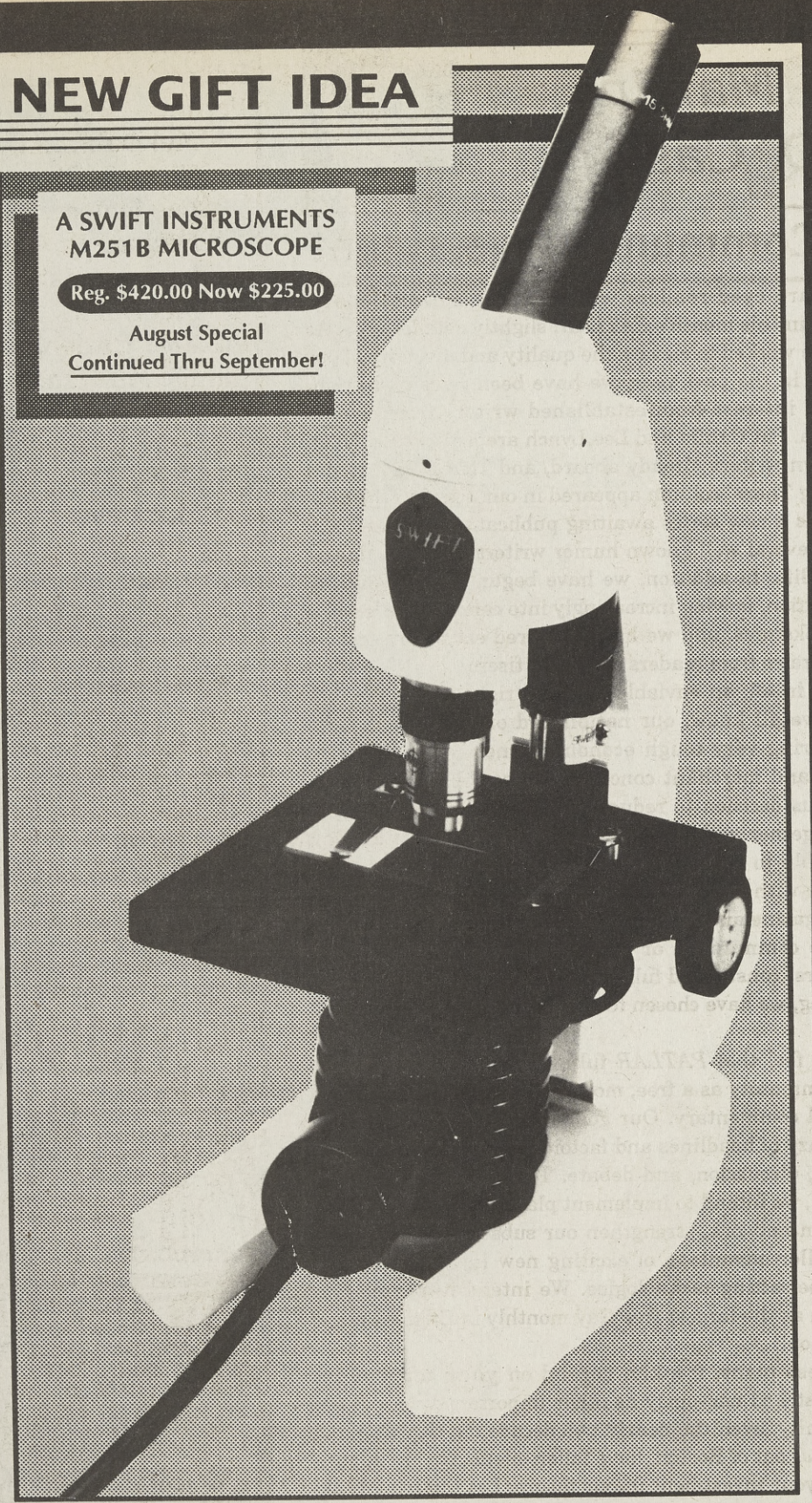

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A Community Investment

Sharp-eyed readers will probably notice a subtle change in this month's *PATLAR*: slightly smaller type. As we have worked to elevate the quality and diversity of our writing in the past year, we have been rewarded by increased interest from established writers from around America. Pat Califia and Lee Lynch are just two nationally known writers already aboard, and Tom Dolan, whose "Getting There" column appeared in our pages in the mid-80's, has a new series awaiting publication! We are looking at several well known humor writers to offer a lighter side of life. In addition, we have begun diversifying our distribution, moving increasingly into cafes, coffee houses, and bookstores, and we have garnered extremely encouraging praise from readers and advertisers.

All in all, an enviable position, right? Well, yes, but ... As we all know, our nation and our community are weathering very tough economic times. In response to reader and merchant concerns, we at *PATLAR* made a conscious decision to reduce our "900 Number" advertising. Together with the economic downturn, this has left us unable to respond to our increasing popularity and prestige with more pages or slicker copy. Rather than gut the magazine and limit its effectiveness as a voice for our diverse community, or return to the days when "900 Numbers" constituted fully fifty percent of our display advertising, we have chosen to shrink the type — temporarily.

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These plans, frankly, depend on **your** support. We have watched nervously as other important voices of our community, even the nearly two decade old *Gay Community News* out of Boston, have fallen silent. We are appealing for your investment in our future. Let the bars, bookstores, newsstands, cafes, and merchants which serve as our distributors and advertisers know the value *PATLAR* represents to you. Support us through a subscription — only $20.00 a year! The form is at the bottom of page five. Advertise your business or services to the thousands of

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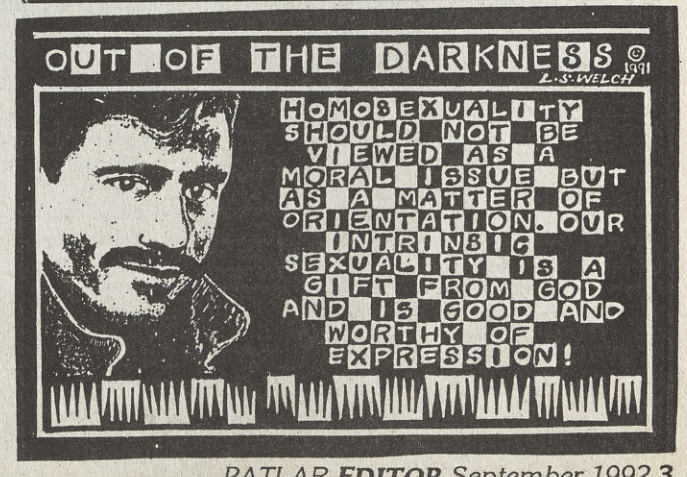
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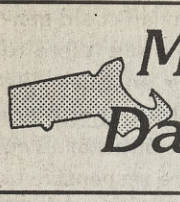

Mel Dahl

In My Opinion

When I was in the military, they told us that the first law of combat is that incoming fire has the right of way. The second law of combat is that the diversion you are trying to ignore will turn out to be the main event.

If there were a Nobel Prize for creating distractions, it would go to George Bush hands down. The economy is plodding along with all the speed of an arthritic turtle, our infrastructure is collapsing about us, people are jobless and hungry, so what has Himself chosen to talk about for the duration of the election? Why, traditional family values, of course.

You can't blame the man for trying. If I had just spent four years presiding over The Decline and Fall of the American Economy, I wouldn't want to talk about it either. Who can blame the President for not wanting to discuss his administration's lack of attention to the environment, education and health care? Who in Mr. Bush's shoes wouldn't try to divert attention from his pathetic foreign policy record which has taken us to war twice in four years to no apparent purpose and now seems wholly incapable of preventing another holocaust in Bosnia? I ask my readers, If you were Mr. Bush, wouldn't you do what you could to shield the ever more obvious fact that you have no plan for the next four years beyond getting re-elected?

I probably would not be in such a cranky mood if not for the fact that when someone wages a "traditional values" campaign it means that I, as a gay man, can expect to be called every mean name they can think of between now and November. Of course when the President talks about families, he doesn't mean my family. And he doesn't mean actually doing anything positive for the families he is talking about; acknowledging their existence is some-

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Victoria Stagg Elliott

On The Brighter Side

Editor's Note: PATLAR is delighted to welcome Victoria Stagg Elliott! A recent graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where she was the first openly lesbian columnist for the school paper, she will provide commentary and occasional book reviews to PATLAR.

If there is an appropriate name for my generation other than, "those following in the wake of the baby boomers," it would have to be the "Post-Stonewall, After AIDS," generation. This applies not just to gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in my age range, but for heterosexuals as well. The sexual revolution, the gay liberation movement, and AIDS have irreversibly changed how my generation defines its sexuality.

And while there are some very depressing things about being sexual in the '90s — AIDS, anti-pornography legislation, George Bush, etc... There are some silver linings, and those linings aren't as obvious as non-discrimination legislation that includes sexual orientation.

In July of this year, a law took effect in Illinois that banned companies from firing workers who smoke, drink alcohol or *perform any legal activity during non-work hours*. The obvious aim was to protect smokers and drinkers. Queers probably didn't cross anyone's mind. It probably didn't occur to anyone at the time that sodomy is legal in Illinois. The law effectively outlawed employment discrimination for queers because as co-sponsor of the bill, Rep Clem Balanoff (D-Chicago), said to *The Chicago Tribune*, "What people do away from work shouldn't have any effect on their jobs."

Illinois does not have a non-discrimination statement that includes sexual orientation, although, several cities do. And while this law only applies to the workplace, it's a

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how supposed to make up for not having jobs or access to education or health care.

The probability that gay people are going to be the Willie Hortons of the 1992 campaign has already been thoroughly aired elsewhere; I'm not sure that in the final analysis that will be a bad thing.

First, barring a miracle between now and November, I fully expect the Republicans to lose. If in fact my crystal ball is working properly and Bill Clinton does take the oath in January, there is nothing that would please me more than for the Republicans to have taken that "traditional values" show on the road and gotten clobbered. I'm sure it was immensely gratifying to Blacks when being a racist began to be a campaign liability rather than an asset; I could do with some of that satisfaction myself.

Second, many of us who are active in the movement have long been assuring politicians that it is not harmful to them to support us. As a general rule, that has been true; far more of our friends get re-elected than not, and in probably no more than a handful of districts nationwide are the voters really and truly anti-gay. This election is our big opportunity to prove that proposition at the national level; to demonstrate that being pro-gay won't cost the White House and it won't cost lesser offices either.

Third, fundamentalism is a paper tiger. For as much noise as fundamentalists make, they really do not speak for a majority of voters. Let them take over the Republican party and make it the party of David Duke rather than Abraham Lincoln; the result will be a public display of how out of touch with the voters the radical right really is. Then maybe they will quit pretending they speak for America.

Buckle your seat belts, kids; it's going to be a bumpy ride until November. But we've lived through worse. The sun is coming up in the morning, and we will all be there to greet it and welcome the end to the 12 year night that descended upon us. In the meantime, though, until this trip comes to an end keep your barf bags handy, you'll probably use them at least once before we arrive at the polls.

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good start for a law that includes places likes Peoria, Hoopston, and Loda and not just Chicago. Sometimes it is just as good to go around the side of the house as it is to go through the front door. If you can't do everything at once, one thing at a time will do just fine. Maybe next year we'll have non-discrimination legislation that includes queers and covers everything else. Maybe in a few more years we'll get domestic partnership laws. I can wait. I'm not that patient, but I can wait for now.

AIDS — one of the most pervasive forces pushing the 20- something, post-stonewall, post AIDS generation — has pushed queers, mostly white gay men, out into the mainstream media. Granted, the coverage and representation is not always pleasant, to everyone's liking, accurate, or unbiased, but journalism is, for the most part, a negative industry. And to paraphrase Oscar Wilde: "It's better to be spoken of badly, than not at all."

Our community in the late '70s and early '80s was divided over anti-pornography legislation, abortion issues and power conflicts and has now fused to battle a plague while still maintaining commitment to individuality and plurality.

AIDS is irreversibly changing America's healthcare industry. Who would have thought 15 years ago that so many Americans would want some kind of nationalized healthcare? Who would have thought that AIDS would get the FDA to move just a little bit faster?

We've had setbacks along the way, but we're doing just fine. No one should be depressed about the progress our movement has made. We have our heroes, our martyrs, our tragedies, our villains. No problem.

Maybe in my next column, I'll try to be more down tempo, but I'm in much too good of a mood for that now. It's time for me to put on my lipstick and go watch the Brady Bunch and then Scooby Doo. I have a bit of a thing for both Jan Brady and Velma and never miss their shows.

Victoria Stagg Elliott is an Anglo-Jewish lesbian who was born three months after Stonewall (the events are not apparently connected) and writes whatever she damn well feels like.

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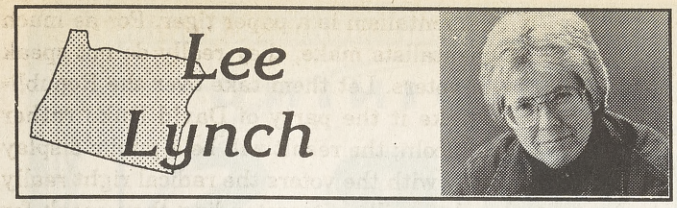

The Amazon Trail

Back in July a friend called to tell me to watch the first night of the Democratic Convention. She described the moving speeches given by two people living with HIV disease, one of them a gay man. I flipped on the TV and caught a brief interview with Governor Clinton. When asked if he was concerned about negative fallout for his support of such an unmentionable subject, he replied simply but firmly, "We can't hide our heads in the sand."

"Oh, shit," I thought, also aware that he's supporting gay rights, "he's been radicalized." I was astonished that I could even entertain a fantasy that The People — the gay people, the poor people, the disabled people, the old people, the non-male, non- white, non-Christian, non-married people and our very visible representatives at the Democratic Convention — might be heard again in America. I couldn't handle the upsurge of hope. Later, President Carter spoke and I stood in front of my arch-enemy the boob-tube with tears in my eyes, emotions like a tidal wave and renewed faith that I didn't want.

How many times can hope be dashed? Idealistic spirits squashed? I have cast my queer vote in every election since 1966. Jimmy Carter is the only president who has ever represented me. Yet I vote on as if somehow this simple and powerful tool is enough to topple the Republican dynasty.

I talked to our activist friend Sky during the convention. "Don't watch it," she warned me, "it'll drive you crazy!" Perhaps it already had. I confessed to her that despite all my political disappointments, I'd been entertaining half-baked impulses of becoming active in the local Democratic Party. It was, after all, an organization that was in place and we need one to help us fight the relentless Rightwing bullies who have put on the upcoming statewide ballot a dangerous measure that would legalize discrimination against Oregon gays and set a national precedent. Sky admitted that she, too, had wondered if we ought to look at the existing political structures.

I made a phone call. As it turns out, some of the most vocal liberals in town form the core of the Party. In this Republican enclave, though, it's floundering for lack of membership, funding and energy. What a radical idea, working with the Democratic Party. Is there really room in it for me?

Bill Clinton *says* he'll represent us. Can we turn America around? Sometimes I feel so persecuted I discount the power I have. I dwell on the progress we're not making and ignore major achievements — like a candidate who's listening to the voters. I forget that if everyone who's been slapped in the face by Republican greed turns the other cheek and storms the polls with vengeance in their hearts, we can win.

The machines that count the ballots don't know female from male, or dyke from Mrs. America, or too masculine, or too feminine. Politicians can discount us, but our queer anonymous votes are powerful and binding. The voting booth is one sure place where a gay person will be listened to. Registering to vote now and casting a ballot in November may be the most radical action any one of us can take.

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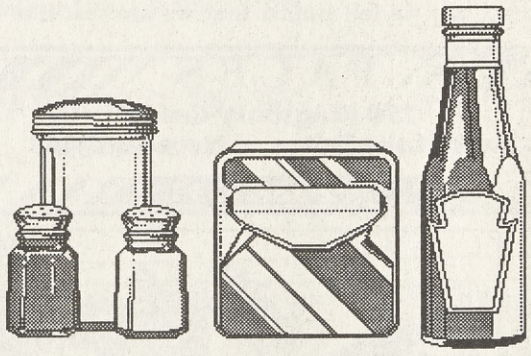

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Them Ain't Nothin' But A Pronoun

Last month I began this two-part column during the Democratic convention, at which Bill Clinton said, "This is America; there is no THEM; there is only US." Tonight I sit writing during the Republican National Convention, and from speaker after speaker I have heard a veritable who's who list of THEM: the tax and spend liberals, the media, the Democratic Congress, the homosexuals, the pro-choicers, the cultural elitists, Murphy Brown. It seems this year's Republican party has a different world view, though not a new one.

Nothing will rouse the fighting blood of a people more effectively than a common enemy. President Bush understood this well when he repainted "moderate friend" Saddam Hussein as "evil monster" Saddam Hussein in order to rally the country behind Desert Storm. It is a truism in history that leaders who seek power, first seek scapegoats. What despot in human history has not cried, "The threat is upon us, so come and follow me and together we will defeat the evil (fill in the blank with the latest demon du jour)"?

We in the gay community, who are so often on the demon lists, respond by saying, "We are one of you! We're not so different!" And that is true, to some extent. But in many strange and wonderful ways, we are very different. How, then, can we tell Bubba that we are just like him, that we are a part of the coveted "us"? Doesn't that require that we deny ourselves and become assimilationists? The only alternative in the "us versus them" scenario is to accept our "themness" and live as separatists (an option embraced, ironically, by such divergent groups as white supremacists and some radical queers). Answering this dilemma will not be accomplished by arguing the relative merits of assimilationism and separatism. The problem is the paradigm upon which those two inadequate options are based. The problem is in the "us versus them" framework.

The gay and lesbian community is a diverse and sometimes contentious collection of individuals bound by the commonality of our sexual and affectional orientation, and the resulting oppression. Beyond that we are as diverse as can be. In a sense, we are a microcosm of the entire world. There are ties that bind and differences that divide. If we are to survive as a community, we must repudiate the "step across this line" mentality of the "us versus them" paradigm. By definition it encourages conflict. We must replace it with the understanding that humanity exists in a series of concentric circles. The smallest circle is "me." Around that is a circle that encompasses the intimate "we" that is my family (in the true sense rather than the traditional sense). The next larger circle is the "we" which is my subcultural group. Around that is my cultural "we." Larger yet is the "we" that is the human species. The larger the circle, the greater number of potential differences between myself and the other members of "we," though the similarities will always outweigh the differences. With this paradigm, I can say "we" at some level with every other human on the planet.

As Bill Clinton said, there is no "them;" there is only "us." It is in the concentric circles of "we" that each of us can find the security to celebrate the differences that make us so fascinating. The places where we diverge can be anchored in the places where we converge. Our harmony can be all the sweeter in contrast to the touches of dissonance we each contribute.

Because embracing our commonality within the gay and lesbian community is a matter of survival, we are in a unique position to learn this new way of seeing the world. If we can accept and nurture ourselves as a cultural "we," perhaps we can lose the fear of those differences which connect each of us with other circles of "we." Perhaps we will gain the security to say, "Yes, I am different from you, very different, but that doesn't mean that you and I are not "we" at some other level. Let's discover it together." If we can learn a new way among ourselves, we can teach a new way to the rest of the inhabitants of this too contentious planet.

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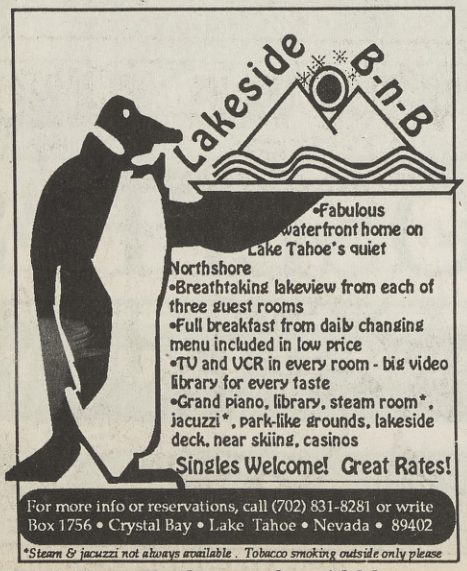
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Leonard Earl Johnson

Yours Truly in a Swamp

Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski fought a difficult battle and won. It came about after Sharon was debilitated in a November, 1983 auto accident. They had been lovers. They went into Minnesota state court for the first time the following March in a guardianship dispute between Thompson and Donald Kowalski , Sharon's father. What followed was a 7 year separation, punctuated with court battles and restricted meetings .

For a time, Karen and Sharon were not allowed visitation rights at all. Then, "From June, 1989 to February of 1990 we had to have a staff escort on our outings because of the (court's) fear of sexual abuse", Thompson said. They got that restriction removed in February, 1990.

Once during the ordeal, a gag order was issued against Thompson forbidding her the right to talk about her case. Clearly, the loss of visitation rights, the court ordered chaperone, and the gag order stemmed from punitive court rulings derived less from fear for Kowalski than irritation with Thompson for being such an "uppity dyke."

In December, 1991, Kowalski was granted guardianship. And in January of 1992 the Minnesota Supreme Court upheld the guardianship ruling without restrictions.

Thompson is a tall woman, as Kowalski looks to be. It is harder to tell since she is in a wheel chair. It is a Sunday morning, the three of us are in a sky scraper hotel room, overlooking New Orleans' famed Canal Street. How long, I ask, can Sharon stay away from nursing home care?

KT: "There is no medical reason why she can not be cared for at home, it's just that it takes 24 hours a day care time." LEJ: "And you're working full time as a teacher?" KT: "Yes, as a matter of fact I'll be teaching tomorrow. I'm in the Physical Education, Recreation, Sports Sciences Department at Saint Cloud (Minnesota) State University.

Thompson is also adjunct faculty in the Human Relations Department. KT: "I teach classes on oppression. Obviously that's the area I want to move in to; what are the 'isms,' how are they interconnected, and looking at the system they benefit."

Some times Kowalski looks up. Now, her head is bent down and her right hand pulls at her hair. She is having one of several periodic spasms. Thompson turns to her and says, "It is real different to teaching volley ball, basketball and those kinds of things." Kowalski lifts her head and smiles at Thompson, Before her accident Kowalski was a basketball player.

I ask Kowalski about her accident. Thompson turns on the laptop, voice-synthesized computer sitting across Kowalski chair.

KT: "Who hit you, Sharon? What kind of a person hit you?" Kowalski has a muscle tremor and her head falls on her chest. KT: "She's having a spasm right now, we'll wait a few seconds."

We wait. KT: "Sharon do you remember being in an accident? What kind of a person hit you?" Kowalski strokes the keys and a synthesized voice says "Drunk driver."

I wonder if the presence of a stranger is disorienting. Thompson talks about short term memory loss and long time memory retention. She says, "Sharon remembers old memories but forgets what happened ten minutes ago."

KT: "We've taken her off of all medication now. She was on such high doses of things for seizure activity as well as for depression. Gradually she's been weaned off of all of that, so we have picked up a lot more (involuntary) activity. It's hard to know whether it's painful or what she's feeling when a lot of this is going on. By the time it's over she doesn't remember, she can't tell me."

Last week the couple was in Bloomington, Indiana at "The Women's Music Festival on a Wednesday through a Sunday and this weekend we are here in New Orleans. We enjoy music. We have heard a lot of good music. Friday night we heard Jamie Anderson."

We look at photographs of the couple receiving the "Woman of Courage Award" from Molly Yard and talking with Lynn Lavner. KT: "This was taken in San Francisco. Do you like getting awards, is it fun being recognized?" They both smile. "Last night, when we got a standing ovation, you were all smiles too"

Karen Thompson and Sharon Kowalski were in New Orleans for Celebration '92. Thompson was one of two keynote speakers at the twelfth annual, lesbian and gay educational conference.♥

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In My Opinion

Editor's note: Held from July.

"How long halt ye between two opinions?"
The Prophet Elijah

There is a story about a man who, during the Civil War, wanted to hedge his bets so that he could claim victory no matter which side won. Accordingly, he showed up at one battle wearing a Confederate jacket and Union trousers. What happened next is exactly what one would think would happen: The Yankees shot him in the chest, the Rebels shot him in the butt, and neither side wanted to bury him after the smoke cleared.

Having now read the Supreme Court's most recent pronouncement on abortion — it remains a fundamental right but the states may place restrictions as long as the restrictions are not undue — I feel like a Civil War soldier getting ready to take aim: the Court has not taken itself out of the line of fire; it has merely furnished guidance as to which part of its anatomy I should direct my shot.

As one who tries really hard to see both sides of issues, and an attorney to boot, I hate like anything to admit that there are some issues for which there is no middle ground. However, there are some such issues. The Easter Bunny either exists or he does not; a woman is either pregnant or she isn't. Abortion is one such issue, so permit me to say as loudly as I can: ON THE ISSUE OF ABORTION RIGHTS THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPROMISE: ANY ATTEMPT BY GOVERNMENT TO FIND A COMPROMISE IS DOOMED TO FAILURE. ULTIMATELY ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER WILL CLAIM TOTAL AND COMPLETE VICTORY.

The question of what the decision shall be is different from the question of who gets to make the decision, and that is what the fight over abortion rights is all about. That I am pro-choice does not mean that I approve of abortion; far from it. I believe abortion to be morally repugnant, especially when it is used as a form of birth control. I make no apology for that belief. That belief does not, however, answer the question of who gets to choose. Free will implies the right to make choices, even when other people disagree with those choices.

Where two parents with children have divorced, and they have different views on the proper way to rear children, they can and should consult with one another. But if the two of them flatly disagree about a certain decision, the fact remains that the decision will ultimately be made by one or the other. Thus, as a practical matter the question is who gets to make the choice.

Likewise, when a woman is pregnant, assuming she doesn't miscarry, there are only two options: she will either carry the fetus to term or she won't. If she decides she wants an abortion, and she lives in Pennsylvania where the governor thinks she should carry the fetus to term, only one of them can prevail.

The reason the latest wisdom from the Supreme Court is patent rubbish is that it boldly proclaims an impossibility: that people who want different results can simultaneously choose and have their choices validated, even though the choices cancel each other. In a spat between the State of Pennsylvania and a pregnant woman who wants an abortion, which of them gets to make the decision? Why both, of course; so says the Supreme Court.

It doesn't matter that the Court found a right to abortion and merely upheld restrictions on the practice. It is one thing to have value neutral restrictions that ensure minimal competency of the abortion performer; not even I would find objectionable a law requiring an abortion practitioner to demonstrate that he or she possesses some degree of medical competence. It is quite another thing to pass a series of regulations designed to make it difficult for women, especially those of few economic resources, to exercise their right of choice and then call it a reasonable restriction. True, the most odious restriction — spousal notification — was struck down, and let us thank heaven for small favors. The restrictions that were left in place have the effect of making the right to choose an empty right for women who are not well to do, and thus the government has effectively seized their decision making ability.

This is not the first time that the Supreme Court has chosen to pretend that contradictions can exist side by

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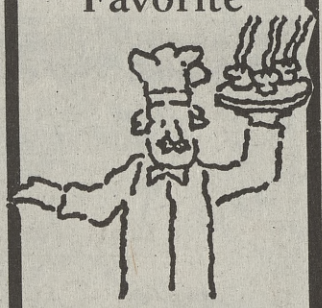

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Spectrum Communications is pleased to announce its newest project, "People On People," a book series which will be used to fund various charitable interests. The series consists of five separate books, each dealing with crucial subjects of today's society. The first, "Beyond Rainbow...," is for and about people with AIDS

"Currently, we are looking for quality material for Beyond the Rainbow...," said Spectrum spokesperson Cyndy Brooks. "We want to see stories, essays, poetry, etc. about coping with AIDS, or tribute to those dealing with AIDS.

"This is going to be an uplifting memorial to those who have been touched in some way by the AIDS virus. What we really want to accomplish is to take the Quilt Project a step further. With the quilt, you have the names of those who have died from AIDS. In Beyond the Rainbow, we want to tell the stories behind those people. Who they were. We want to provide a memorial that will make these people real and not let them be forgotten."

"We hope Beyond the Rainbow will convey that we care." Anyone wishing to contribute material to "Beyond the Rainbow..." should send it to: Cyndy Brooks or Dawn Quarles, dba Spectrum Communications, PO Box 296, Locust, NC 28097. If you desire more information about this book, or the series in general, you may write or telephone us at (704) 888-2437, after 5 p.m.

"Our original deadline for material was September 15," said Ms. Brooks. "However, we will accept submissions past that date."

PAAC Launches Nutrition Program For HIV Patients

Wasting and malnutrition, common debilitating effects of HIV infection, are finally being addressed on a patient-by-patient basis. The Physicians Association for AIDS Care (PAAC) has announced a major educational program that could have a significant effect on the quality and length of life of people with HIV disease. The program, titled "PNI" (PAAC Nutritional Initiative), is designed to offer case-by-case education of physicians on the role of nutrition in the course of HIV disease.

PAAC
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In November of this year, PAAC will begin providing free quarterly nutrition assessments for all of the asymptomatic HIV-infected patients of the association's member physicians. The assessments will be based on baseline data furnished by each physician and on a three-day food diary kept by each patient. The baseline data and diary information will be entered into a computer so an assessment can be prepared, reviewed and sent to the physician.

The PNI will be under the direct supervision of a registered dietitian who will also prepare a nutritional plan for the patient if nutritional deficiencies are noted in the assessment. A limited number of assessments and plans will also be provided free-of-charge to PAAC member physicians for their symptomatic patients. The dietitian will be available through a toll-free 800 number to review the assessments and plans with the physicians.

The PNI is being sponsored by three companies: Ross Laboratories of Columbus, Ohio; Stadtlanders Lifetime Pharmacy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Homedco Infusion of Fountain Valley, California. In announcing the PNI Nary thanked these sponsors for their exemplary commitment to the welfare of persons with HIV disease. Contact PAAC at 101 West Grand Avenue, Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60610.

Judge Rebukes Insurance Company For Discrimination

Issuing a stern rebuke and warning, a New York state judge has dismissed an attempt by a life insurance company to rescind the $50,000 policy of a man who died of AIDS. The judge also forced the company to pay $127,000 in attorneys' fees to the policy holder's estate.

The judge, Ira Gammerman of the state Supreme Court in New York County, said that New England Mutual Life Insurance Company engaged in improper and discriminatory conduct when it searched its files to invent a reason to rescind a $50,000 life insurance policy after the policy holder, Jeffrey Duke, began making AIDS-related claims under a separate disability insurance policy.

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Talking It Over

Helping Mom and Dad Out of the Closet

There are some parents out there who want to love and accept their lesbian/gay/bisexual children but don't know how. For those who have come out to their parents and still have to pretend to be someone they are not around the family hearth, this situation can be maddening. Adult children hear "I love you," from the mouths of their parents and "Being who you are is not okay with us" from their behavior.

Many gay/lesbian/bisexual people may be missing an opportunity to help their parents out of the closet. I am not talking about complex situations where parents are completely hostile to any deviations from their own imagined ideal of sexuality. I am talking about garden variety ignorance, confusion, and an accompanying discomfort that parents may be experiencing and suppressing in such a way that, without thinking, they discount their own children's experience of themselves.

If you have a good relationship with your parents, but you know that it is not okay to be gay/lesbian/bisexual within that relationship even though your parents know you are, it may be useful to look at what your parents may be feeling.

First of all, it is difficult for many parents to admit that their children *are* sexual. Consider that many adult children have hangups with viewing their own parents as sexual, and an understanding of this garden variety problem may emerge. The parent who is faced with the idea that his/her child is not only sexual, but is sexually different from his/her idea of what it means to be sexual, has a big adjustment to make.

When Steve came out to me, my imagination leaped. I pictured sexual practices I had only heard about secondhand and blocked out the idea of Steve as a participant in even the most innocent. Many of us born during the Great Depression were not only told *nothing* about sex, we were warned against *learning* anything! Fortunately, my son helped me by sharing information with me, and I was able to get a perspective on gay sex that made me realize that there is the same variety in heterosexual acts as in homosexual acts, and that there is a comfortable view of sexuality that is just as much the property of gay/lesbian/bisexual people as it is the property of heterosexuals. Steve invited me to ask him anything, and I did, and that helped to change my way of thinking.

It's easy to say that I have gay friends and that I support gay rights, but when your own son tells you he is gay, there's a difference, a big difference. Forget the grief that a parent goes through, or the initial feeling of guilt and shame — I was too powerful as mother or father was too passive — those are all irrational problems created by being raised with misconceptions imposed by a homophobic society and a hatful of "shoulds" that can be overcome. What is difficult for the parent are familiar issues to anyone coming out. What to tell their own mothers and fathers. How to break the news to sisters, brothers, or other relatives? Or do I break the news? And when I do, and my relatives are cool and distant, how do I handle that? How do I handle my own resentment that my relationships with my relatives have been disturbed? And what about friends? How do I introduce my son's/daughter's lover? What about work? What do I say when they ask if he/she is married? Garden variety, maddening problems for parents.

Another area is language. There are certain amenities in speaking and being with gay/lesbian/bisexual people. For me, at first, there was frustration as Steve said, "Ma...ummm!" in his best undisguised "don't you know what your saying?" tone. I didn't know what I was saying. Parents have to be patiently taught the language of the culture that you so well know and forget that we don't know. Believe me, it is embarrassing to be wrong especially when you are trying to be supportive. I suspect this may be one of the hidden reasons some parents don't talk openly with their gay/lesbian/bisexual children.

It is in being willing to patiently educate their parents that gay/lesbian/bisexual people who want a deeper relationship with their parents can help. If your parents are loving and accepting of you, but not your sexuality, try talking it over with them. Try asking how they feel, instead of telling them how you feel. Try giving them some information and help they can use. Give them permission to be open with anyone they need to be open with. That permission was a lifesaver for me and really helped me to adjust and, in turn, be supportive of my son. Take them to a PFLAG meeting; don't ask them to go on their own. Take them into places where you congregate and show them how ordinary these places are. Bring home the people who mean the most to you and introduce them to your parents. Be extra nice to your parents. Nurture them as they are trying to adjust to a different you than they had imagined. Soon, just about the time when parents are really loving the extra attention, the relationship becomes quite ordinary.

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The Lite Rail Gallery Will Host The Lite Rail National

Emerging artists from around the nation have been invited to show their work at Lite Rail Gallery in Downtown Sacramento by director Michael Xepoleas. The exhibition will be installed at the Performance and More Center at 922 - 12th Street. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be an open house on Saturday, September 12, 1992 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited.

The Lite Rail Gallery hosted a national screening for this exhibit in Spring of 1992. Work was also received from China, Australia and Canada. 145 artists applied. 35 emerging artists were selected in all media and styles. Lite Rail National is dedicated to the memory of the late Kerry Sutton.

Fresno Leatherfest

The Yosemite Chapter of the Knights of Malta present Fresno Leatherfest 92 the weekend of September 25-27th. Events include a Friday night buffet and beer bust at the Red Lantern, a Saturday Leather Fair at the Red Lantern and the Mr/Ms Central Valley Leather contest at the Metro Under Ground, and a Farewell Brunch on Sunday at the Red Lantern. Proceeds go to the Knights of Malta Charity Fund, and for further information call (209) 498-0314.

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Attendees will enjoy a multitude of seminars, workshops, unrivaled social events, the annual Mr/Ms NLA Leather Contest and the opportunity to visit the renowned 'Shop 'Til You Drop' vendors and exhibit area, offering a variety of unique toys, clothers and other indispensables.

The historic Blackstone Hotel will serve as the main conference sit, providing turn-of-the-century elegance and sufficient space for a successful enjoyable conference. Substantially reduced rates have been arranged for this event and reservations may be made directly with the Blackstone Hotel (800) 622-6330 or alternate lodging may be booked at the newly renovated Best Western Grant Park Hotel, (800) 528-1234, a short three blocks away.

Registration for LIL-VII conference attendance (not including lodging, meals, transportation, shuttle bus and play parties) $95 for 7/1 to 9/1 and $115 after 9/1/92 for NLA members. (Non-members add $30).

For more information, program suggestions or questions, contact LIL-VII Co-Directors: Sallee Huber at (503) 735-0429 or Nick Long at (312)404-0478.♥

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Gay Run 92

Gay Run '92, sponsored by the San Francisco FrontRunners, is coming to the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park on October 11, 1992. The event begins at 9 a.m. and is noted for its energy, rapport, vigor and camaraderie.

Gay Run '92 will be followed by a picnic-celebration for all participants following the event at which time the awards ceremony will take place. We always enjoy having people from the Central Valley participating; and housing is available with a weeks' notice.

If you would like more information contact co-race director Dave Studach at (415) 626-1380.♥

A Wet and Wild Benefit!

Come to Gay and Lesbian Day at Raging Waters on Saturday, September 26, a benefit for Aris Project of Santa Clara county. Admission includes luau lunch, unlimited beer, wine, and soda, plus the Alfresco dance party with DJ's Tommy Rogers and Annie "Fingertips." Hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission $25 in advance, $35 day of the event. For ticket information call (408) 450-2265. Tickets also available at Headlines on Castro; Leather- Masters, 969 Park Avenue, San Jose; and Gay Skate at the Rolladium, 363 North Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo.♥

Oregon And Colorado Battle The Right

The office of the Campaign far a Hate Free Oregon (CHFO), the gay and lesbian group fighting several Far Right ballot measures, was vandalized and demolished during the night. of June 8. Oregon activists attribute the destruction to the atmosphere of hatred created by the Oregon Citizen's Alliance (OCA), which has spearheaded an effort to pass anti-gay local and statewide initiatives this year.

Meanwhile in Colorado. gay and lesbian activists at the Equal Protection Campaign are battling a similar statewide initiative, sponsored by Colorado for Family Values (CFV).

The threat of these initiatives does not stop at the borders of Oregon or Colorado — any town or state could be next if the Right Wing continues to succeed. Send funds and statements of support to CHFO, PO Box 3343, Portland, OR 97208; (503) 232-4501; Equal Protection Campaign, PO Box 300476, Denver, CO 80203; (303) 839-5540.

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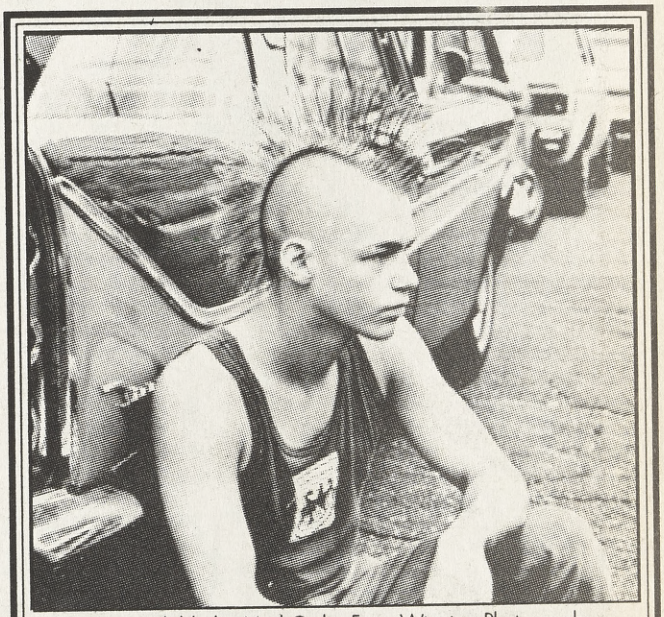

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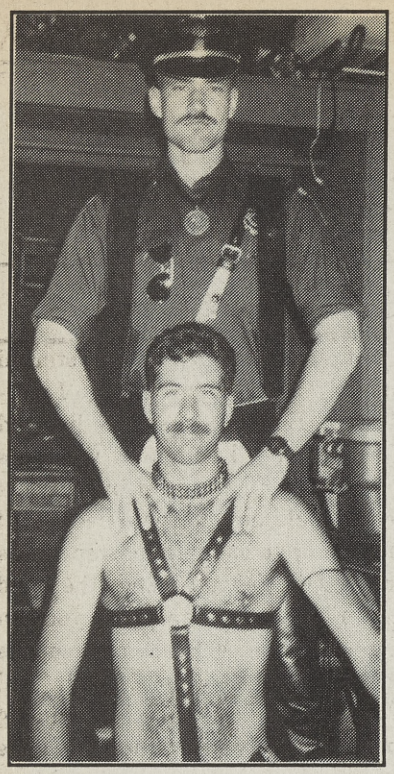
Modesto Leather Night

Sponsored by Leather Boy Ken and the Mustang Club, Modesto's first Leather Night on August 15th proved very entertaining, with Mr. Europe Leather joining Leather Boy Ken backstage (1), Ms. Jan Metz discussing whipping techniques (2), Mr. Europe Leather and Ricci Encinas of the Sacramento Leather Association demonstrating a waxing on Ken (3), Michel Coine performing an intense fantasy with 3 boys and clothespins (4), and Mo from the Fresno Knights of Malta as M.C. (5). Photos by Martin Casey.



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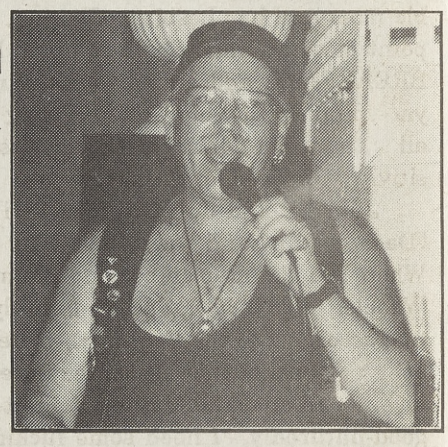

Contest winners shown August 1st: left to right, first runner up Kris Cot, 1st runner up Paul Maionchi, Ms. Northern California Leather Donna Shrout, and Mr. Northern California Leather Wes Patterson.
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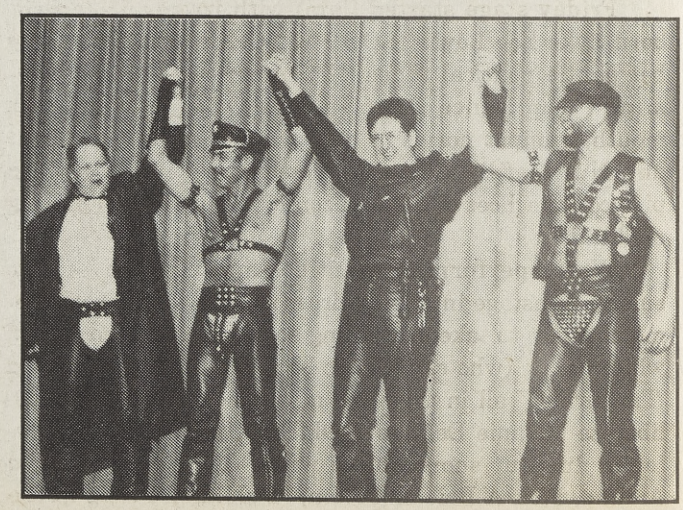
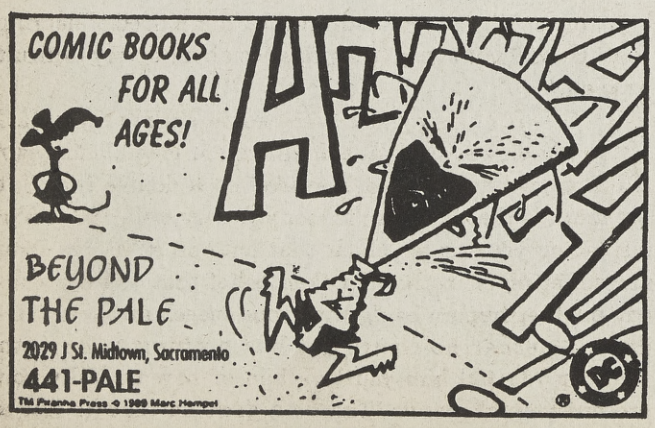
Mr. & Ms. Northern California Leather





Laura Post

Muse News

The 1992/fourth annual East Coast Lesbians Festival was an event to remember. Herstory was made by the first-ever Lesbian ASL silent intensive pre-fest [for information about future ASL courses, contact Marilyn Van Veersen/Women's Institute for American. Sign Language Studies, 279 Lester Avenue, Oakland, CA 94606 (510)763-9228]. Issues were also raised about the appropriateness and acceptability of scenes depicting violence against women being enacted through festival art. Preliminary planning was also done for the Dyke-Health Conference to be held at the 1993 ECLF [contact Liz Wheeler at (716) 881-1574].

Thursday stage, indoors due to rain, performance artist Dian Hamilton did "The Mother," about a homophobic mom and her Lesbian offspring, from the daughter's point of view. Anne Seale sampled her debut SEX FOR BREAKFAST, addressing topics of name-spelling (womyn/wimmin), body hair, and cruising women's bookstores, all with muzak-quality arrangements, and often with sensitivity sacrificed for cleverness.

Justina and Joyce voiced striking harmonies on "Desert Rain" and the witty "Why Forgive and Forget When You Can Remember and Blame," quite folkie Erica Wheeler (STRONG HEART), from dyketown (Northampton, according to the *Enquirer*), writes in metaphor: "Diner" and "Backburner Blues" explore different aspects of love. Ebullient m.c. Maxine Feld at one point, bellowed good-naturedly, "I need some fucking sound;" she later awarded awards to sculptor Carolyn Whitehorn (for her 25 years as a full-time, self-supporting feminist craftswoman) and to writer Marilyn Murphy (for her 60th birthday).

Friday stage started (late) with irrepressible Britborn dyke Zoe Lewis (SOUP KITCHEN SWING) doing her gentle political tunes ("MacAmerica"), low-key jamming ("Tap Dance Down in New Orleans"), and jazz mouth trumpet noises of her own design. Kay Gardner and Nurudafilla Abena played mighty fine flute/pan pipe/conga echoes of the Amazon River and other uplifting meditations.

White performance artist Anne Rhodes — who emerged onstage in a "silly dress so that we all would remember not to take everything so seriously" — portrayed white people (who say "I'm so happy," "I'm so sorry," and "I'm thrilled" all in the same monotone). The intense, deliberate Melanie DeMore (COME FOLLOW ME, new release due out soon) shone with "Jump Down, Turn Around, Pick A Bale of Cotton," a children's song in the

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Pat Califia

The Adviser

Q Five years ago I met a bisexual guy, and we started a sexual relationship. About 18 months ago I realized that I was in love. He is 32, has been divorced for ten years, and has a 13-year old daughter, who does not live with him. In September he moved in with his "girlfriend" and told me he would not me again because of her and the guilt he suffers due to our relationship. I was crushed. Ten days later he called me and asked if he could come over "one last time." My response was "Yes, you can come back, but not for the last time." So he still spends time with me but not like he did last year. Often he will sneak out of his house in the middle of the night and jog over to my place for sex. He recently asked me to arrange a three way for us with a female. Sounds to me like things are not that good at home with the "girlfriend."

I am going crazy and need some help. I am not going to give up on this guy. How can I slowly and gently persuade him that we could live together and enjoy each other full-time? His guilt would lessen if we lived together. I have told him that he will always have a friend in me. I would do anything in the world for him. When he was leaving one afternoon last week, I told him that I wanted to talk to him soon about something important. He came back over at 3 a.m. to find out what I wanted. He appears to care for me but is afraid to show it. It's not that he doesn't want to admit that he's gay; he did that many times last spring and summer.

I told him indirectly how I feel about him and what I want He said nothing, just listened. I don't know how to approach him in a nonblunt way. I don't want to scare him. Some would say that I am setting myself up to get hurt. If other guys in the same situation could get some sound, positive advice on how to handle it, many of us would not get hurt. It's a cop out on your and other advice columnists' part to use the standard line "Get rid of the bum; he has the best of both worlds." I am tired of hearing that. How about some real guidance about a very difficult problem?

A I really wish there were some simple formula I could give you that would make it possible for your part-time lover to stop leading a double life. But the truth is that he doesn't treat you very well, and you're displacing your anger about that onto other people. You are suffering from the mistaken belief that you can control another human being with your speech and your conduct. Whether he comes out has nothing to do with whether you tell him you love him or how tactfully you present your demands. This is a decision that he has a

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African-American folk tradition.

Suede (EASILY SUEDE, BARELY BLUE) switched sets with Jamie Anderson and played next, crooning "Puddle of Love" and "Song With The Violins" to an obviously adoring audience. Interpreter Joy Duskin's whole-body sensitivity to the sensuality of Suede's music gleamed through her signing. Alix Dobkin ended the evening with her well-loved "Girls' Night Out," "Lesbian Code" (new addition to the list: "betcha $5" and "Amazon ABC." Sue Fink, scheduled Friday, was bumped to Saturday.

Saturday, white Susan Herrick (joined by Sharon "Miss Bass" Ray) did her songs of healing and self-affirmation: "Truth and Lie" and the especially passionate "Heart of That Child." She stood to play congas in her tribute to African-American music and spent some time giving thanks to her manager and partner, Jessie Cocks, as prelude to "I Want to Climb Your Tree." The audience was peaceful, relaxed, happy despite the continuing cold. The next act broke the festival open.

Shelly Mars, performance artist in the San Francisco Lesbian underground, did an explicit piece, with her partner, Maria, involving the rape of a woman by a woman-in-male-drag character and Lesbian sadomasochism, culminating in nude, sexual bump-and-grind among the audience. Unprepared emotionally, various members of the audience froze in their places or cried; some hissed, called out for the show to stop, or left; still others enjoyed the scenes and applauded. The subsequent sets of Pam Hall, Margie Adam, and (unfortunately rescheduled Jamie Anderson and Sue Fink) were poorly attended; despite several mediational, debriefing, and discussion sessions set up rapidly by the festival producers, some women went home still upset.

Nonetheless, Pam did a convincing job of getting back on track with her wry comment, "Now that was a Kodak moment," then her irresistible southern sultry Lesbian-themed music, including her signature "Chug On." Margie was equally healing with her bright-eyed earthiness, singing and talking about couples counseling, supportive friends, the women who trod the path before her, and the women who continue to create the feminist cultural network (the melting "Long Haul"). Jamie and Sue were synergistically funny together, joking about age, breast size, and numbers of ex-lovers in between their strong songs about unfortunate heterosexuality and lesbian renewal. The Lesbian Lounge Lizards, comic Suzanne Westenhoefer, and the All-Star Round Robin ended the stage shows, and Kay Gardner closed the festival with her lovely energy.

Timely reminders: the 13th annual West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival, Labor Day weekend, near Yosemite, CA (818) 893-4075; the 1st Lesbian s/m international conference, "powersurge," in Seattle, WA (206) 723-2356.

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right to make based on his own values and needs.

Your love for him has blinded you to the complexity of his nature. He has told you that he feels guilty about your relationship. This is not a man whose guilt will be alleviated by moving in with you. By putting the word "girlfriend" in quotes. you make light of this relationship. In fact, if he is bisexual, this man's life may suit him very well just as it is. He gets to have straight sex, a respected position in the community, and gay sex. I am sure he feels a lot of stress because it is hard to keep one's life in so many different compartments, but he believes that stress is easier for him to tolerate than either giving you up or coming out. Since you are determined to keep him, try giving him books about the gay life-style and introduce him to other gay men. Make sure he has enough information about our community to see that many men like him have found a place in it. Tell him you love him and want to live with him. If that's so threatening that he stops seeing you surely even you can see that this relationship has no potential to grow into something more fulfilling Also get a therapist. You need someone who will help you handle the damage this is doing to your self-image.♥

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Ernie Brown

Views From East Coast

Once again the East Coast beckoned to me. And once again it was a memorable trip. My family's annual reunion was wonderful. It was good to see my two daughters and my three grandkids, and of course, my mom and dad. However, this was just the gateway to my annual trek.

Philadelphia was still its old self. A city of brotherly love or is it shove? Anyway, its always good to go home. Home is where the heart is. But not for long — three days later I found myself in Cape Cod, Mass. Providence Town or P-Town as its called by the locals. I don't know how I ever missed this part of our United States. I thought Amsterdam (Holland) was the gay capitol o f the world. What a misnomer; P-Town should be. If not, it's a great second. Two out of every three persons are gay. All the best hotels, guest houses and all other major business are owned by gays. I stayed at a beautiful guest house called "The Ranch." Wonderful host. I met people from all over the world. I arrived the day they have weekly "Lobster Bake." Each house guest are served a 21/2 pound lobster (from Maine of course). You know how I love to eat. However, this much lobster did me in. Nevertheless, I did manage. "Commercial Street" is the main drag here. Appropriately named. I stayed four days there. Four days I will never forget. They had two sets of beaches there. You could swim in the Atlantic Ocean off the Cape. P-Town is at the end of the Cape. Driving back out after four days I made a stop in Hyannis still on the Cape. Here I visited the Kennedy's compound (where they live). Also visited the "JFK" library and memorial.

Then took a boat cruise over to Martha's Vineyard. Also, saw that famous bridge where Ted Kennedy almost met his Waterloo. Beautiful country. There is one gay bar here (Hyannis) called "Duval Street Station." You knew I would like that one. Continuing my drive of the Cape I stopped at "Buzzard's Bay" briefly. Not too much to see here. Not even a "buzzard."

My next stop was Rhode Island (Providence). Stayed the night here. Nice city. Nice food (seafood). Nice people have several bars here. May favorite one "Gerardo." Rhode Island as you know is the smallest state in the union. Providence and Newport take up almost the whole state. It's inserted between Mass. and Conn. I'm not going to dare spell those two states for you. You are on your own. *(Editor, after consulting Webster, offers Massachusetts and Connecticut!)*

My next stop "The Big Apple" New York City. New York gives the word "city" a brand new meaning. It's breathtaking and overwhelming. I don't care how many times I visit here. Its always fascinating. You don't know where to start out with Broadway shows. First night I saw "Jelly's Last Jam" Tony Award Winner, the best female actress in a musical. Outstanding. Gregory Hines is the best I have ever seen him. Tap dances his ass off. Definitely a ten. Next night I saw "Miss Saigon;" its heartwarming. Not much dialogue here. 95% lyrics. Wonderfully directed and beautifully sanged. It's a nine. Next nite "Falsetto." This is actually a trilogy brought together to form one musical. First party of the trilogy was "Falsetto Land." Second part was called "A Day of Your Life in Falsetto Land." The third part of the trilogy is called "Falsetto." Again not much dialogue. 98% all lyric and some times it moves so fast you miss a lot. Oh, by the way it had a homosexual theme throughout the whole play. Which was kind of nice. I gave it a 8 1/2. Also saw "Will Rogers Follies" starring Mac Davis. Superb — a ten. The last play I saw in New York was "5 Guys Named Moe." This musical is a party. It's kind of semi-biography pertaining to "Louis Jordan." Remember? Late 40's thru early 60's. This is a fun show. There is a lot of audience involvement. Like I said before: "It's a party." Out of a ten I gave it a 12.

New York has some of the best restaurants in the world. And their street food is better than most restaurants I know. Best bars (West Side Manhattan) "Cootales," "Trixies," "Cleo's," "Cats," "Attitudes," "Don't Tell Mama." On the East Side my favorite bars are "Rounds," "Dakota."

Now for the village! This is where it's at. "Boots and Saddles," "TV's," "Sneakers," "Dugout," "One Potato," and two "Potatoes." See, Mr. Quayle, it can be spelled right. "Stonewall" (the original of course). The oldest gay bar in New York City is "Julius's" since 1930. There are a few bars in Brooklyn. Forget em. After finish doing all New York I took flight to Key West, Florida. Another first. I don't know why. Like P-Town in may ways. Old, charming, historical, delightful, and fun. Humid, my Lord. You can cut it with a knife. The only place to stay here is

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"guest houses." They are wonderful. I stay at "The Coconut Grove" on Fleming Street. It has swimming pool, ceiling fans. Coop kitchen, varanda and gazebo. Continental breakfast. When visiting this city you must take a tour on the conch (pronounce Konk) train. You see the whole entire city (especially all of the old parts) about two hours. Seafood is outrageous (Konk salad, Konk chowder, Konk fritters).

The bars are great. Even the straight ones, especially The Green Parrot and Sloppy Joe's. There are pictures of Ernest Hemingway, Tennessee Williams and Truman (not Capote, the President) on all the walls here. You may not have known this but Key West served as the White House during the "Cuban Crisis" for JFK. My favorite bars were The Copa, "801," Papillion (Pronounce Paw-P-On). For sunbathing or body-watching its the "Atlantic Shores." Here too you have a choice body of water to swim in. The Atlantic Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico; it all comes together in Key West. It's really weird. There is a house here, that is listed as the most Southernist house in the United States. On my way out of the Keys I stopped in "Key Largo." Remember the movie by the same title? Not much here. Just the name (Key Largo). This is the off season for Florida. However, I found Key West to be very expensive.

I forgot to mention my favorite bars in P-Town. They are "Back Street Bar at The Gifford House," "Town House" on Commercial Way. Also on the same street "Boat Slip Motel and Bar," "P-Town Inn," good entertainment here, "Painted Lady Inn," "Anchor Inn" and a dozen more all good!

Now back to my travels from Key Largo. I drove to Fort Lauderdale. This is one of my favorite cities in Florida. This is before I saw Key West. Met Tina Barbosa (who lives here now) Sacto Empress #7 or 8. I can't remember. But you know her. We had a wonderful lunch together. Then we went out and done some bar-hopping together (Sacto style). Had a real good visit. She sends her best wishes to everyone here. She looks marvelous. our favorite bar in Fort Lauderdale were "Club Caribean," "Tacky's," "The Copa," "Club Cathode."

My favorite motel (The Marlin) is no more. I stayed at the Palm Motel (gay). It was great. Its located on Las Olas Street. A fun place for meeting people from all over. Florida terminated my vacation. Now I must return home and reminisce. Thanks for asking. Yes I did enjoy my vacation. Now back to the real world. I don't know what's happen or going to happen in Sacto in the near future. I suggest that you check out all the bars and find out whats coming up. One thing for sure thats coming up is my annual Renaissance Fair trip Sunday October 11th. Bus leaves Merc 9 a.m., returns 8 p.m. Fare is $28. Includes ticket to the faire, cups, ice, mixes, and snacks. I must have all monies by October 3rd. Everyone been talking about this bus trip. I have couple of new Florida jokes. Ask me when you see me. Home is where the heart is. Its good to be home. Love ya.♥

Justin

LeatherSpace

Throughout our childhood we learn to play with, and enjoy, our toys. As we get older and more advanced, we pick more exotic and advanced toys to amuse, stimulate, and entertain ourselves with. When we discover the world of sex, we find that a whole new variety of toys are out there to help us have even more fun, and stimulating entertainment takes on a whole new meaning.

First I have to say that fairly often I hear someone say that they do not need toys or any other form of artificial stimulation to enjoy sex — that the original equipment they were given is plenty. The key word here is "need." I fully agree that one does not "need" toys or other artificial stimulation to be able to fully enjoy sex in all it's grandeur. What I am saying is that in any person's sex life, toys can add a little spice to one's frolicking. And after all, even sex can get old if you just do it one way all the time, especially for couples in long term relationships. With that in mind, here are some of my personal favorites.

For that extra jolt of stimulation, there's nothing quite like the friendly vibrator or dildo. These devices come in dozens of sizes and shapes, both for men and women. There are the ever popular battery operated ones, and the plug-in type. Some have multi-speed controls and others pulse or turn to get just the right effect. A few even have multiple attachments that allow you to keep changing the exact type of stimulation moment to moment as you desire. There's dancing eggs that you insert inside. Some dildos have rings on top so you can slide them onto the shaft of a man's cock, while still others have bumps, humps, and lumps to drive you wild. There are dildo's that have a pump on them that allows the user to make them nice and tight.

A few even have squirt guns built in so that feeling of cumming can be simulated for the full effect. The ones that make me smile the most are made out of hand held vacuum cleaners with a mouth attached at the suction end. I guess they add a whole new meaning to the idea of Spring cleaning. Dildos come in all sizes and shapes, it's just a matter of finding the one that fit's your needs and desires the best. The majority of dildo's can be purchased for under $20 so I recommend getting two or three different ones for the toy box.

Another somewhat similar group of toys are butt plugs. These range in size from small to very large and are inserted into the ass and left there for a time. Some plugs have vibrators inside which can be fun as well.

One of my favorite anal toys is called a "String of Pearls." These are a good toy for men or women. They are

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made up of a string of small, smooth nylon rope with plastic beads attached about 4 inches apart. There is a knot in the rope on each side of the bead keeping it in place. The beads are anywhere from 1/2 to 2 inches (sometimes larger) in diameter. The string is between 2 and 3 feet long and is slowly inserted one bead at a time in the bottom's ass.

Right at the moment of orgasm the top pulls the ring at the end of the string to remove it bead by bead at a speed matching the orgasm convulsions of the bottom. The effect is like sitting on a jackhammer, and can take a bottom's breath away, giving them an ear to ear grin all day.

A trip to the hardware store can be a place to shop for all types of new toys to have fun with. The plumbing and electrical departments are loaded with things that can be used with just a little imagination. Metal clamps like the ones used to keep car hoses on make wonderful cock rings and can be tightened as desired. Hardware stores also have more potential tit clamps than you could imagine. A large variety of ropes, chains, and rubber goods abound as well. On a recent trip to the hardware store, I picked up a bit of nylon rope, a medium sized eye hook, and some 2 oz. fishing weights. I placed the eye hook in the ceiling above the bottom I was working on, then attached a nice solid, but non-toothed tit clamp on each nipple. I tied the rope to the chain between the tit clamps and fed the rope up through the eye hook, tying a loop in the other end of the rope. Now I slowly attached the fishing weights to the loop with paper clips, thus increasing the weight pulling on the clamps from above, while still enabling the bottom to move and strain feely as the weight increased. The same set up works well with the rope attached to a cock ring, ball stretcher or all three at the same time. When you're done, remove the hook, and if your ceiling is white, just use a dab of plain white toothpaste to patch and hide the hole.

Melting candle wax on a bottom is another favorite of mine. The only thing to be careful of is to use a candle made from wax with a low melting point so you don't burn the bottom. Some candles are made with melting points as high as 170 degrees, which will cause severe burns. Check the box to make sure you are using one that melts closer to 110 to 130 degrees. Then hold the candle high enough over the bottom so the dripping wax stings a little perhaps but won't burn. You can create some delightful "wax castles" on parts of the body with a little practice!

One of the more exotic toys is the vacuum pump. This is a long clear tube with a pump (hand pump or electrical) attached which is set down over the cock creating a tight seal at the base. By working the pump, a vacuum is created in the tube which draws the cock up and maintains an extreme hard-on. There are also attachments that fit onto the tits and even the balls. These devices can create a great deal of suction pressure and can be a lot of fun to work with. Pump devices like these are often advertised to actually be able to permanently increase the size of a man's cock. The debate is still going on: while a man's cock does seem to get larger while inside the pump, due to the pump causing more blood to enter the cock at the time, I have never found any medical evidence at all that says the effect is permanent in any way.

Adult stores and many new massage supply shops are full of various oils and sensual lotions that can also be fun. Your local grocery stores are full of food items that can be used to give your sexual experience a new twist. A bathtub filled with instant pudding or jello is always a nice treat, and don't forget the can of whipped cream.

One of the main things to remember when using toys of any kind is to make sure you are careful when using a new toy for the first time so that you will learn how best to use it to achieve the desired results. Another rule with any toy that is inserted in the body or that comes into contact with bodily fluids is that it's best only to use that toy on one person at a time. And all toys should be cleaned completely between use. You must make sure that any possible bodily fluids on the toy have been cleaned away and that the toy is safe to use the next time. Using condoms on dildos or butt plugs is another good idea.

Like I said toys are not "needed," but they can sure be a lot of fun. Next I will discuss ways to explore fantasies and desires. Till then, try a new toy.

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Constant Reader

Enlisted Meat, edited by Winston Leyland
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I'm a hot blond, it was a cold night, and my brain-meat was throbbing for something to read. Ya know what I mean? So when a package arrived from Gay Sunshine Press, I ripped that sucker open in a frenzy of anticipation. Inside was *Enlisted Meat*, touted as "an in-depth collection of true military sexual experiences."

I thought, someone at Gay Sunshine has really pulled a boner; I don't review this kind of book. But seein' as my eyeballs were popping out of my skull for a little of the old left-right left-right, I gave it a try.

The first story took me by surprise. A sailor alluded to his "seaman's semen." Maybe it was a sucker punch, but I fell like a ton of bricks. It was alliteration. It was homonym. And it was a damned clever pun. I could already feel the cranial fluids pumping through the old hypothalamus. I had to read more.

Before I knew what was happening I came across a quirky mixed metaphor: "My tongue tap danced its way across his dickhead, prodding and lapping into the secret folds of his cock, strumming the chords of his pleasure and mine." Tap dancers don't strum chords, much less prod or lap. And if there's one thing I can't resist, it's mixed metaphor. I found myself slipping from idle curiosity to ... to something far more disturbing.

Then I was slammed by literary allusion. The writer said his penis "pulsed and twitched and bobbed and did everything but quote Chaucer." My 3.78 pounds of gray matter (unlobotomized) was turning somersaults.

My glasses steamed up as the author pummeled me mercilessly with alliteration: "purple, passion-pointed tits"; "soft, slack, silken skin of his dickhead"; "my finger finally found his foxy fuckhole"; "stained but still stiff stud stick." Little did I dream that this was but a prelude for the assonance to come.

I was in trouble. I tried to put the book down, but before I could I discovered a really cute parallel construction: "I half expected to have the police pounding on the door — but fear of an official audience didn't keep me from pounding away on my own." I nearly popped my cerebral cortex right there.

Suddenly I was face-to-face with Homeric metaphor: "My lips reaped the bumper crop of skin from his crankshaft and added that harvest to the bounty that already crowned his head in a cock-biter's cornucopia " I thought to myself, that sentence is built like a Frank Lloyd Wright shit-house.

I was pleading "Oxymoron! I need Oxymoron!" but with a "thwack" and a "smack" he gave me onomatopoeia, and then more onomatopoeia with "stiff breezes hissing through thousands of pine needles."

When I finally got up off the floor, I felt dazed and sated But I knew in my heart that the hunger to review more erotica would soon rage within me once again. I just hope it don't affect my motherfuckin' writin' style.

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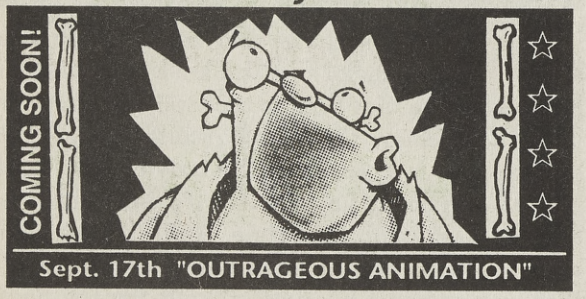

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side. It has assured us that the First Amendment protects freedom of religion even as it allowed the children of Jehovah's Witnesses to be expelled from public schools. It has assured us that there is a constitutional right to privacy even as it upheld sodomy statutes. It has assured us that the Constitution forbids racial discrimination even as it allowed the Japanese Americans to be sent to concentration camps during the Second World War. In every case the blaring contradiction between what the Court said and what it did were obvious even to the most casual observer. Thus, it probably should come as no surprise that, once more, the Court has decreed that X and anti-X are compatible, that abortion is a fundamental right but the state is permitted to make the exercise of the right next to impossible. So now there will be more skirmishes, in the legislatures and in the courthouses. It remains to be seen what will be the final chapter, whether choice will become a meaningful concept or whether choice will be handed over to the government.

But one thing is crystal clear: the Supreme Court mind and either enforce choice or be Roe. This latest decision, where the its cake and eat it too, is simply dishonest.

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IT'S SUMMERTIME Let's have some fun together. Looking for GWM and Hispanic male between 18 to 30 y.o. Call between 6 - 11 PM, 916-451-8904. [29PL]

I'M A PROFESSOR at University of Philippines based in Tacloban City. My friends tell me I look younger than my actual age. I teach Communication Theory, Research and Broadcasting. I also handle two college choirs. I shall of course furnish those who would like to correspond with me pictures of myself and I expect the same in return. As of now my only wish is to find a sincere friend with whom I could share a part of myself with in the years to come. Please write to: Stephen Q. Lagarde, Block 2 Lot 8, PHHC, Tacloban City 6500 Philippines.

VERY LONELY GWM 40 years, blk/green, 185, 5'11". Just broke up with lover after 10 years. Looking for love & relationship. Seek fit non-smoker, GWM 21-40 HIV- a must. I have my own home outside Sacto. Could use someone to share it with. Please write: Box Holder, PO Box 1002, Ione, CA 95640, or call 209-274-0854, [29PL]

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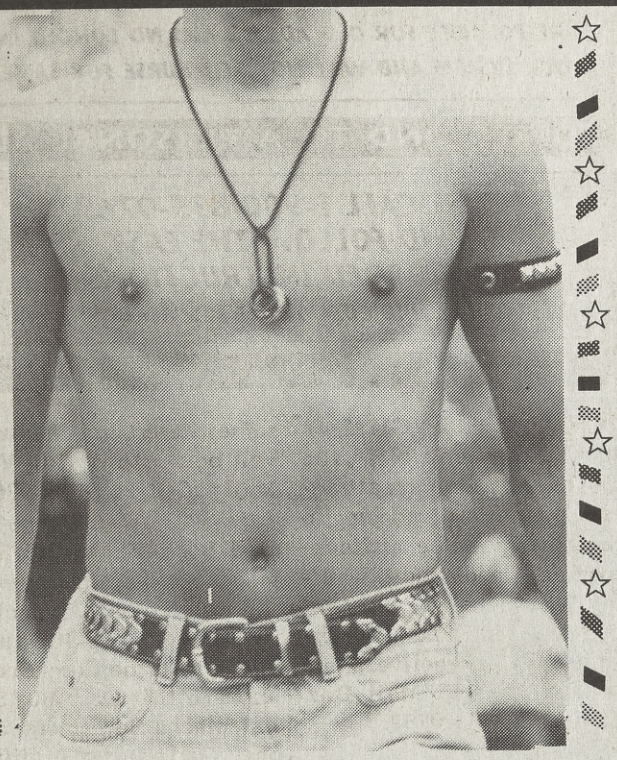

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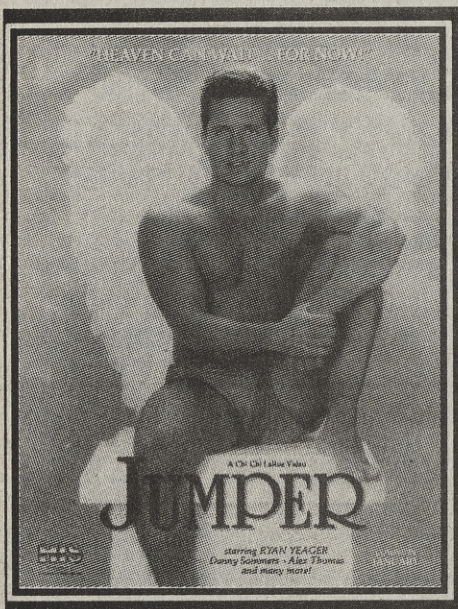

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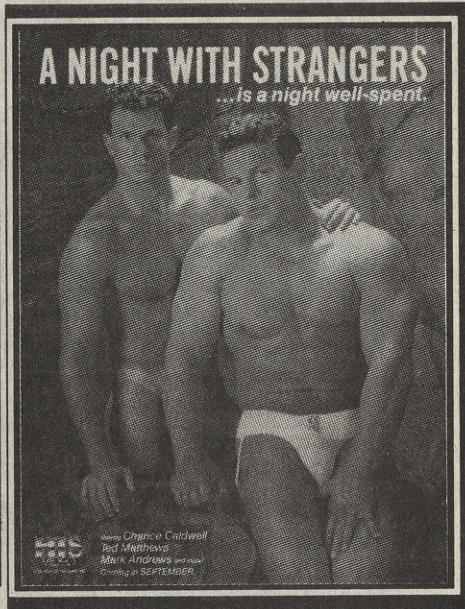

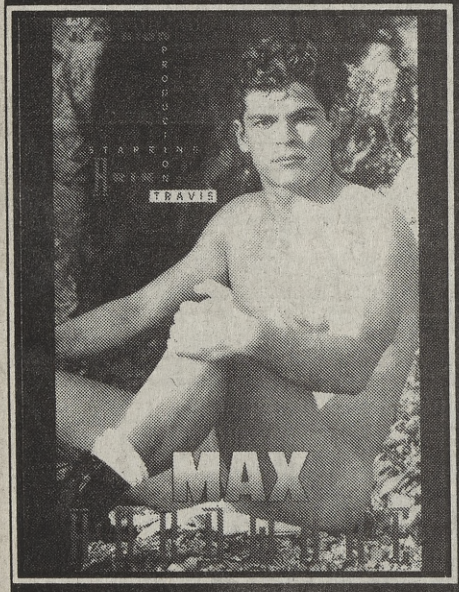

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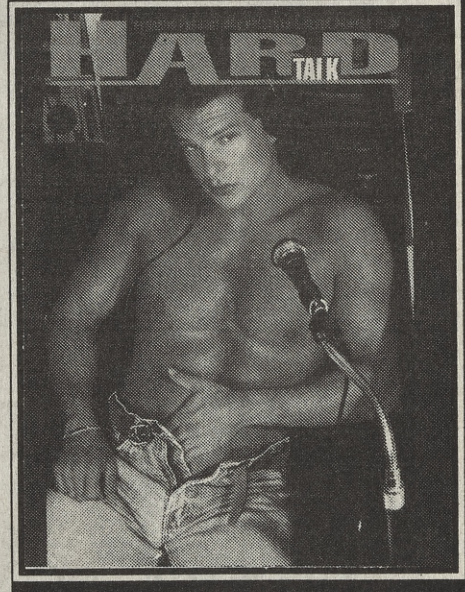

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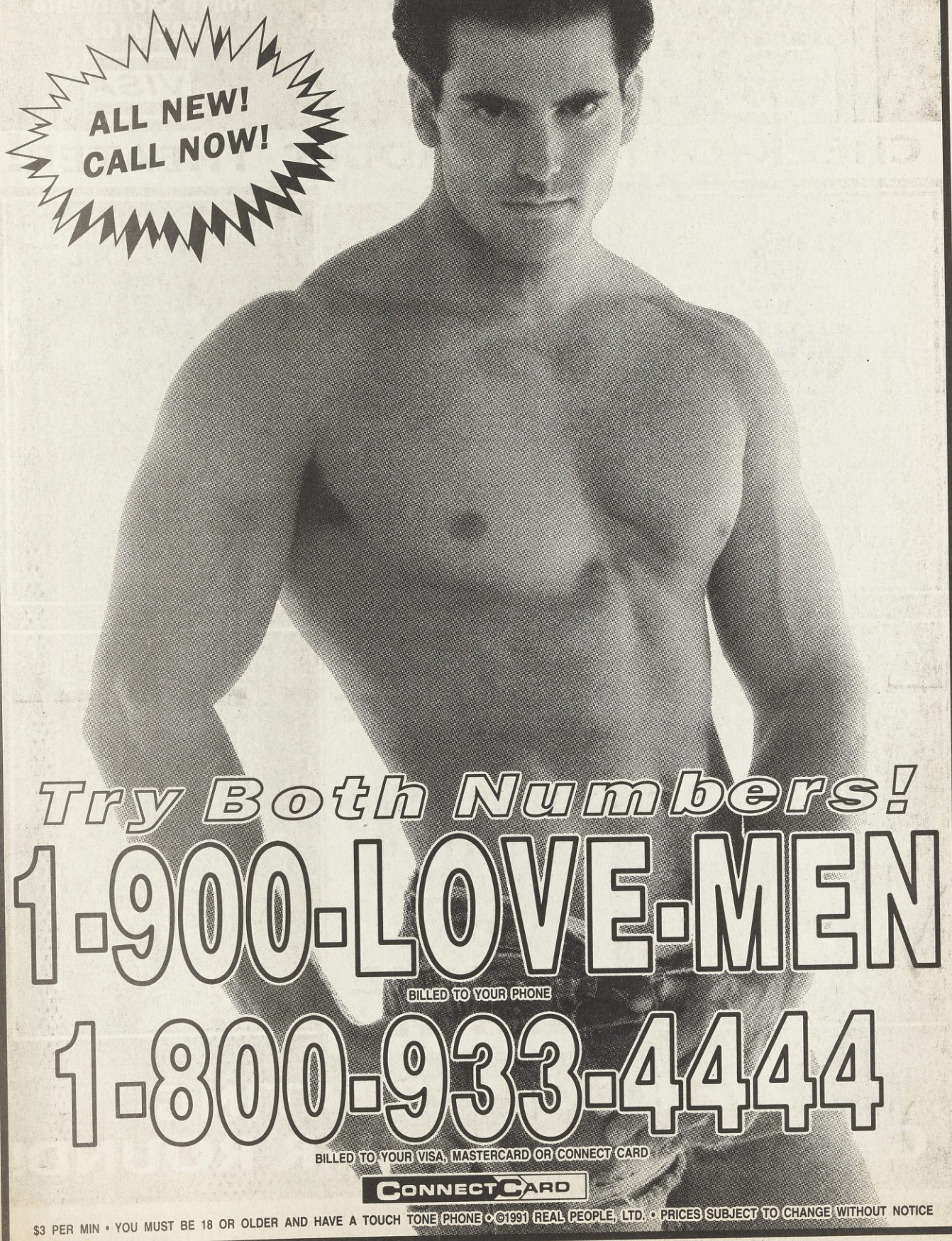

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